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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 12 January 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 7 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is an independent claim.

The Final Official Action and the citations raised by the Examiner have been carefully considered.

Under the heading "Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102", the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,621,868 (Mizutani). The Examiner's comments in this regard have been carefully considered. In particular, it is noted that, at item 5 of the Final Official Action, the Examiner notes the features of claim 1, and identifies the portion of Mizutani which the Examiner contends discloses each of those features.